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Applicants believe that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance in this case is improper because the Statement incorrectly characterizes the claimed invention as an "improvement over the invention patented in U.S. Patent No. 6,650,722". Applicants respectfully submit that the '722 patent has claims directed to a transponder card for a nuclear reactor control rod drive control system and a nuclear reactor control rod drive control system that includes a transponder card. In contrast, the allowed claims of the present application are directed to a branch amplifier card for a nuclear reactor control rod drive control system and a nuclear reactor control rod drive control system that includes a branch amplifier card.

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